

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 1 as follows;

1. (Currently Amended) A digital camera comprising;
a photosensitive region for recording an a optical
image;

a controllable shutter for exposing the photosensitive region; and

10 a timer, the timer providing a selected time delay
11 between a first activation of the shutter activation and a
12 second activation of the shutter activation, the
13 photosensitive region not recording an optical image during
14 the first **shutter** activation of the shutter.

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16 2. (Original) The digital camera as recited in claim
17 1 wherein the first activation of the shutter is
18 accompanied by sounds of typical shutter operation.

20 3. (Original) The digital camera as recited in claim
21 1 further comprising a flash mechanism, the flash mechanism
22 receiving a low-power activation during the initial shutter
23 activation.

25 4. (Original) The digital camera as recited in claim
26 1 wherein the first shutter activation is a simulation of
27 signal acquisition.

1 **Please cancel Claim 5.**

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3 5. (Cancelled) ~~A digital camera comprising:~~

4 ~~a photosensitive area for recording an optical image~~

5 ~~projected thereon;~~

6 ~~a shutter for exposing the photosensitive area;~~

7 ~~a timer for periodically activating the shutter after~~

8 ~~an initial shutter activation; and~~

9 ~~a processing unit, the processing unit analyzing the~~

10 ~~images recorded on the photo-sensitive area, the processing~~

11 ~~unit storing a pattern recognition program for identifying~~

12 ~~predetermined condition, the processing unit processing the~~

13 ~~images recorded on the photo-sensitive surface, the~~

14 ~~processing unit storing an image having predetermined~~

15 ~~conditions.~~

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17 **Please cancel Claim 6.**

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19 6. (Cancelled) ~~The digital signal processor as recited~~

20 ~~in claim 5 wherein the predetermined condition is a facial~~

21 ~~expression.~~

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23 **Please cancel Claim 7.**

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25 7. (Cancelled) ~~The digital signal processor as recited~~

26 ~~in claim 5 wherein the digital camera discontinues~~

27 ~~operation after acquisition of an image having the~~

28 ~~predetermined condition.~~

1 **Please amend Claim 8 as follows.**

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3 8. (Currently Amended) The A method of acquiring an
4 image with a digital camera having predetermined features,
5 the method comprising:

6 simulating the acquisition of an image by the digital
7 camera; and

8 after a preselected period of time, acquiring an image
9 with the digital camera.

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11 9. (Original) The method as recited in claim 8
12 wherein simulating the acquisition of an image includes
13 providing the sights and sounds associated with the
14 acquisition of an image.

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16 **Please amend Claim 10 as follows.**

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18 10. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 8
19 of acquiring an image having predetermined features in a
20 digital camera, the method further comprising:

21 providing a program associated with a processing unit
22 for identifying the predetermined features;

23 acquiring a series of images and applying the images
24 to the processing unit; and

25 analyzing the images using the program.

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1 **Please amend Claim 11 as follows.**

3 11. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 10
4 wherein the a first image in which the predetermined
5 feature is identified is stored.

7 12. (Original) The method as recited in claim 10
8 wherein the acquiring of a series images is provided in
9 response to signals from a timing unit.

11 **Please amend Claim 13 as follows.**

13 13. (Currently Amended) A The digital camera as recited in
14 claim 1 further comprising:

15 a first mode of operation, the digital camera in the
16 first mode of operation acquiring an image in response to
17 user input; and

18 a second mode of operation, the digital camera
19 simulating acquiring an image in response to user input in
20 the second mode of operation, the digital camera acquiring
21 an image a preselected time after the simulating acquiring
22 an image.

24 **Please amend Claim 14 as follows.**

26 14. (Currently Amended) A The digital camera as recited in
27 claim 1 further comprising:

28 a first mode of operation, the digital camera
29 acquiring an image in response to user input in the first
30 mode of operation; and

1 a second mode of operation, the digital camera
2 selecting for acquisition an image having predetermined
3 features.

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5 15. (Original) The digital camera as recited in claim
6 14 wherein the predetermined features are determined by a
7 pattern recognition program.

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9 16. (Original) The digital camera as recited in claim
10 14 wherein the predetermined features are facial
11 expression.